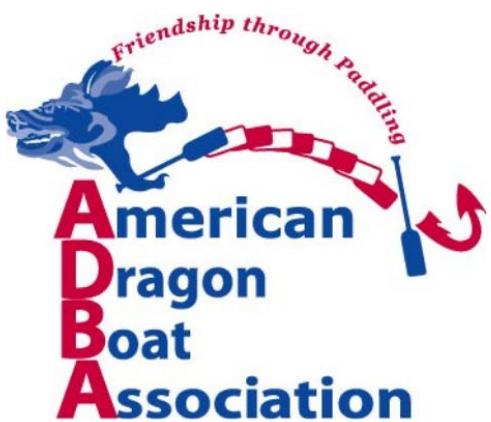


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THE *catch* NEWSLETTER *WINTER EDITION*

Greetings, Midwest Dragon Boat Teams!

What an incredible season of racing and accomplishment! This year, **32 Midwest paddlers proudly represented Team USA in Germany**, and **two Midwest teams earned six berths to the 2026 Club Crew World Championships in Chinese Taipei**. Our region also hosted outstanding festivals and showcased Midwest talent across the country and around the world. And of course, we celebrated **our very own Barbara Michaels** on her induction into the **Dragon Boat Hall of Fame!**

It's clear that dragon boating is growing rapidly across our region, and the ADBA is committed to supporting that momentum. Through our quarterly newsletters and **Zoom with ADBA** sessions, we strive to provide the resources, connections, and guidance your teams need to thrive.

To help us do that, **we want to hear from you.**

If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the survey below.

Let us know what you'd like to see in the Midwest dragon boat community and what tools or support would help your team meet its goals.

Your voice shapes the future of Midwest dragon boating—thank you for being part of this growing community!

PADDLES UP!

Your ADBA Team

MIDWEST DRAGON BOAT FESTIVALS



DUBUQUE
DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL
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KANSAS CITY
DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL
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Don't see your festival listed [HERE?](#)

**JOIN the American Dragon Boat Association
[HERE!!](#)**

CLICK HERE FOR THE ADBA 2026 SURVEY

THE TEAM THAT SUBMITS THE MOST
RESPONSES WILL RECEIVE A...

FREE 2026 TEAM REGISTRATION!*

*\$300 Value, deadline to submit 11:59pm Dec 7

RALLY
YOUR
PADDLER

CLUB CREW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
MIDWEST TEAMS FOR EARNING BERTHS TO THE
WORLD CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

Windy City Dragons

Small Boat: Senior A Women,
Senior B Mixed & Senior B Open

Lone Star Dragons

Standard Boat: Premier Open,
Premier Women & Senior A Mixed

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL RESULTS](#)



ZOOM with ADBA

Join in for an informal roundtable discussion with the members of the American Dragon Boat Association!

UPCOMING: **Mon, Jan 5, 2026 7:30-8:30 pm CDT**

TOPIC: **CLUB LIFECYCLE**

WHO: **OPEN TO ALL -- Please share with your paddlers and teammates!!**

Whether you're just starting a club or you are part of a team with a long history, every group goes through ups and downs. Come share recruitment tips and tricks, and ideas for keeping established teams lively and welcoming to new athletes.

Sign up [HERE!!](#)



CA The 2026 CAN AM Club Crew Championship is coming to Montreal. Click [HERE](#) for more info!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

THE HYPE MATTINGLY PADDLER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

4 athletes will be selected (1 from each USDBF region).
Applications due December 31st.
Details available on www.USDBF.org.



The American Dragon Boat Association (ADBA) proudly supports and connects Dragon Boat teams, festivals, vendors, and paddlers throughout the American Midwest.

Become an ADBA Member Today

Team, Individual, Festival & Vendor Memberships are available